

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully solicited.

Claims 61 through 78 and 117 through 144 are pending, with Claims 61, 117 through 124, and 131 through 133 being independent. Claims 67, 68, 71, 72, 77, 78, 120, 121, 123, 124, 125/(120,123), 126/(120, 121, 123, 124), 127/126/(120, 121, 123, 124), 128/(120, 121, 123, 124), 129/128/(120, 121, 123, 124), and 130/(120, 121, 123, 124) were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 132 through 144 have been added.

Applicant gratefully wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in granting and conducting a personal interview with Applicant's representative, on July 20, 2011. At the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, which are respectfully traversed, as well as proposed new claims.

As discussed at the interview, Applicant has added herein Claim 132, which avoids the grounds of rejection since its concluding "wherein" clause is submitted to be supported by, e.g., the Examples.

As also discussed at the interview, Applicant has added herein Claims 133 through 144, which re-present the March 16, 2000 claims, and Applicant believes that they also should not be subject to the outstanding rejection for the reasons discussed in the June 17, 2011 Amendment, and those advanced in the September 2, 2008 Preliminary Amendment.

Lastly, Applicant wishes to advise that all of the subject application's claims have been copied in modified form from Claims 1 through 4 and 6 through 13 of U.S. Patent No. 5,883,732 (Takada, et al.) as shown by the following Table:

Table

<u>Takada, et al.</u> claims	subject application claims
1	61, 117, 118, 122, 125/117, 125/118, 125/122, 130/117, 130/118, 130/122, 131, 132, 133
2	62, 116, 119, 121, 124, 128/119, 128/121, 128/124, 129/128/119, 129/128/121, 129/128/124, 130/119, 130/121, 130/124, 134
3/1	63, 126/117, 126/118, 126/120, 126/122, 126/123, 135/133
3/2	73, 126/119, 126/121, 126/124, 135/134
4/3/1	64, 127/126/117, 127/126/118, 127/126/120, 127/126/122, 127/126/123, 136/135/133
4/3/2	74, 127/126/119, 127/126/121, 127/126/124, 136/135/134
5/4/3/1	
5/4/3/2	
6/5/4/3/1	65, 137/136/135/133
6/5/4/3/2	75, 137/136/135/134
7/6/5/4/3/1	66, 138/137/136/135/133
7/6/5/4/3/2	76, 138/137/136/135/134

<u>Takada, et al.</u> claims	subject application claims
8/6/5/4/3/1	67, 139/137/136/135/133
8/6/5/4/3/2	77, 139/137/136/135/134
9/8/6/5/4/3/1	68, 140/139/137/136/135/133
9/8/6/5/4/3/2	78, 140/139/137/136/135/134
10	69, 128/117, 128/118, 128/120, 128/122, 128/123, 141/133
11	70, 129/128/117, 129/128/118, 129/128/120, 129/128/122, 129/128/123, 142/141/133
12	71, 120, 123, 125/123, 143
13	72, 130/120, 130/123, 144

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that declaration of an interference is appropriate, as discussed in the September 2, 2008 Preliminary Amendment. If the Examiner agrees, then Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned

representative at (202) 530-1010 before acting upon the application so that any additional papers desired by the Examiner may be timely prepared and filed. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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